

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Port Equipment Manufacturers Association - Student Challenge 2019



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1. WHAT IS THE PEMA STUDENT CHALLENGE?

The PEMA Student Challenge is an annual competition run by the Port Equipment Manufacturers Association and is open to students studying any relevant degree from universities globally. In the first stage of the competition, teams (comprised of 3 or 4 students) are invited to submit a preliminary abstract, providing their solution to the Student Challenge Question. The question itself constructs a fictional scenario within which there is a real-world operational issue which the Students must solve. The theme of the challenge is always topical focusing on current challenges facing the industry today.

The teams with the three best preliminary abstracts are then invited to present their solution in full to the general assembly at TOC Europe where the presentations will be judged by a panel of industry experts. The winning team receives a prize of €1,000 to be shared between team members, the possibility of their solution being published in a relevant publication, as well as an invitation to attend the next TOC Europe event, courtesy of PEMA.

2. WHO CAN PARTICIPATE?

Participation in the PEMA Student Challenge is open to any team of students currently studying towards an Undergraduate or Postgraduate degree. The competition is open to universities globally and students must be aged 18 or over.

3. HOW MANY STUDENTS CAN BE IN A TEAM?

Teams must comprise 3 – 4 students, one of whom must be a 'Team Captain' who will act as the main contact for the Student Challenge communications.

4. CAN MORE THAN ONE TEAM FROM THE SAME UNIVERSITY PARTICIPATE?

Multiple teams from the same university can participate, so long as they compete independently of each other and there is no overlap of work. Team mates can be studying different degrees but must attend the same university to compete.

5. HOW CAN I PARTICIPATE?

To submit a team for the Student Challenge 2018, email your completed sign-up sheet to info@pema.org with the Subject: Student Challenge Team Sign Up – [UNIVERSITY NAME]

6. ARE TRAVEL EXPENSES COVERED FOR FINALISTS?

For the three teams that qualify to the final stage of the competition, travel and accommodation expenses are covered, in line with the Official Student Challenge Expense Procedure which can be found on the Student Challenge section of the PEMA Website.

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7. WHO DO I CONTACT IF I HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?

For any questions or queries relating to the PEMA Student Challenge, please contact PEMA Head of Administration, Fae Brennan on the details below.:

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8. WHAT IS TOC EUROPE?

TOC Europe is part of a global portfolio of events that bring together stakeholders of the container supply chain to learn, debate and network

TOC has long been considered best in class by container terminal operators and their suppliers. The TOC of today has evolved into a complete container supply chain event, delivering both technical content and also offering a platform to the stakeholders higher up in the cargo chain.

9. WHAT IS PEMA?

Founded in 2004, the Port Equipment Manufacturers Association, PEMA, provides a forum and public voice for the global port equipment and technology sectors. The Association has seen strong growth in recent years, and now has more than 100 member companies representing all facets of the industry, including crane, equipment and component manufacturers, automation, software and technology providers, consultants and other experts.

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